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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

REVIEW - WEST PRESS

WEST BERLIN NEWSPAPERS HIGHLIGHT THE VENICE ECONOMIC
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SUMMIT'S AGREEMENT ON MEASURES IN CASE OF RECESSION AND ON COOPERATION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND FIGHTING AIDS, WITH FRG CHANCELLOR KOHL PRAISING THE OVERALL CONSENSUS AT THE MEETING (DER TAGESSPIEGEL, DIE WELT);

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THE INITIALIZING IN BONN OF AN FRG-GDR AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WHICH MAY BE SIGNED WHEN GDR CHIEF HONECKER VISITS THE FRG IN THE FALL (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); AND THE PUBLICATION BY MOSCOW'S "IZVESTIA" NEWSPAPER OF A DEDICATION IN WHICH SOVIET LEADER GORBACHEV, DURING HIS APRIL 1986 VISIT TO EAST BERLIN, COMMENDED THE "TRUE HEROISM" OF THE GDR BORDER GUARDS AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE (BERLINER MORGENPOST).

OTHER PROMINENT NEWS IS EAST BERLIN'S WARNING THAT WESTERN JOURNALISTS WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE "CONSEQUENCES" FOR THE "DISTORTED SENSATIONAL REPORTS" ON RIOTS AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE (BERLINER MORGENPOST, DIE WELT); THE FRG HESSE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SECURITY DEFICIENCIES AT THE CONTROVERSIAL "NUKEM" NUCLEAR COMPANY IN HANAU (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); A DEADLOCK IN THE HAMBURG SPD-FDP COALITION TALKS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL); AND A BERLIN DGB LABOR UNION ANALYSIS THAT PRICES IN THE CITY HAVE INCREASED IN THE CITY MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN IN THE FRG (VOLKSBLATT, BZ).

OTHER WEST BERLIN REPORTS:

THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY "ADN" WARNED PRESIDENT REAGAN ON WEDNESDAY AGAINST ATTACKING THE WALL AND THE DIVISION OF GERMANY IN HIS SPEECH AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE ON FRIDAY. ADN SAID: "MANY WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS SHARE THE VIEW THAT (SUCH ATTACKS) WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THE WALL BUT RATHER RAISE IT EVEN HIGHER." -- REAGAN

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TOLD NEWSMEN IN EARLY JUNE: "I THINK I WILL EXPRESS THE BELIEF WHICH WE SHOULD ALL HAVE: THAT IS THAT GERMANY MUST BE REUNIFIED AND THE WALL MUST COME DOWN" (BERLINER MORGENPOST FRONTPAGE, DER TAGESSPIEGEL PG. 2).

EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT TO THE CITY TOMORROW, INCLUDING BULLIT-PROOF GLASS AT HIS PLATFORM AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE AND THE REICHSTAG, PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT ALSO AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACKS FROM ARABS IN EAST BERLIN. POLICE CHECKS AT THE TRANSIT BORDER CROSSING POINTS FOR WEAPONS IN CARS ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WERE INCREASED ON WEDNESDAY. ANONYMOUS LEAFLETS FROM RADICAL GROUPS, INCLUDING THE RAF (RED ARMY FACTION), ANNOUNCED VIOLENT ACTION ON THE

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KURFUERSTENDAMM DURING THE REAGAN VISIT. A PAPER SPREAD IN KREUZBERG CALLED FOR ATTACKING PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUCH AS FRG OFFICES, THE EUROPA CENTER MALL, AND THE CONSULATES OF FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, AND THE U.S. (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

. POLICE EXPECT SOME 30,000 TO 50,000 PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S ANTI-REAGAN DEMONSTRATION ON THE KURFUERSTENDAMM. AN SPD ORGANIZATION OF FORMER RESISTANCE FIGHTERS OPPOSED THE DEMONSTRATION BECAUSE IT NEGLECTS THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS SOLDIERS PROTECT FREEDOM. THE AL SAID REAGAN IS UNWELCOME BECAUSE HIS PLEDGES FOR PEACE CANNOT BE BELIEVED, CITING U.S. SUPPORT FOR DICTATORS AND THE CONTRAS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

. MEMORIES OF BERLIN FOR RONALD REAGAN FROM WELL-KNOWN BERLINERS WERE PRESENTED TO U.S. MINISTER JOHN KORNBLUM

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ON WEDNESDAY (BERLINER MORGENPOST, BILDZEITUNG, BZ).

THE REHEARSAL FOR THE ALLIED FORCES DAY PARADE
YESTERDAY WENT WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS (BERLINER
MORGENPOST ET AL).

THERE IS CONTROVERSY OVER FRG PRESIDENT VON
WEIZSAECKER WHO TODAY IS TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY
DOCTORATE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND DELIVER A SPEECH
THERE ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN. TWO
JEWISH PROFESSORS, IN ARTICLES PUBLISHED BY THE "BOSTON
GLOBE" AND A HARVARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT PAPER, DESCRIBED
VON WEIZSAECKER AS NOT WORTHY OF THE DECORATION, CITING
HIS ROLE AS A LAWYER DEFENDING HIS FATHER AT THE
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NUREMBERG TRIALS (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

BERLIN MAYOR DIEPGEN VISITED ISERLOHN TO MARK THAT
FRG CITY'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY ON WEDNESDAY. HIS PROGRAM
INCLUDED A FLIGHT OVER ISERLOHN ON A 60-YEAR OLD
"JU-52," WHICH BELONGS TO LUFTHANSA AIRLINE'S BERLIN
FOUNDATION (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

FORTY-FIVE TEACHERS FROM TEXAS ARRIVED IN THE CITY
ON WEDNESDAY TO OPEN THE BERLIN-TEXAS TEACHERS
EXCHANGE. THEY WILL STAY FOR THREE WEEKS (BERLINER
MORGENPOST, BZ).

THE FRG GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY AGAIN PROTESTED THE
MISTREATMENT OF FRG JOURNALISTS BY EAST GERMAN SECURITY
AUTHORITIES AT THE BRANDENBURG GATE RIOTS OVER THE
PENTACOST HOLIDAYS. AT THE BONN CHANCELLERY, GERMAN
POLICY CHIEF-OF-STAFF DUESBERG TOLD GDR REPRESENTATIVE
GLIENKE THAT THE BEHAVIOR BY THE GDR AUTHORITIES
REPRESENTS A "BLATANT VIOLATION" OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE
WORK OF THE PRESS AND CONTRAVENES THE HELSINKI CSCE
FINAL ACT (DER TAGESSPIEGEL ET AL).

AMERICAN WITNESSES WILL PARTICIPATE IN A LINE-UP
WITH SUSPECTED LEBANESE HIJACKER MAHOMMED HAMADEI NEXT
MONDAY, ACCORDING TO SECURITY SOURCES. AN FRG JUSTICE
SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT A U.S. GOVERNMENT
DELEGATION IS VISITING BONN IN CONNECTION WITH THE
REQUESTED EXTRADITION OF HAMADEI, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN
FRANKFURT IN JANUARY AND CHARGED WITH HIJACKING A TWA

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AIRLINER IN THE MIDDLE EAST (DER TAGESSPIEGEL).

REVIEW - EAST PRESS

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THE TWO TOP STORIES IN ALL PAPERS, ALMOST COMPLETELY FILLING THEIR FRONTPAGES ARE: THE THIRD DAY OF PRC MINISTER PRESIDENT ZHAO ZIYANG'S GDR VISIT, WHICH HE SPENT IN EAST BERLIN MEETING WITH GDR PREMIER WILLI STOPH, SIGNING THE CITY'S GOLDEN BOOK, AND VISITING EAST BERLIN'S INSTITUTE FOR SOCIALIST ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE EXHIBITION ON "SCIENCE AND PRODUCTION; AND THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION "ART IN BERLIN 1648-1987" AT EAST BERLIN'S ALTES MUSEUM, ATTENDED BY SED CHIEF ERICH HONECKER, GDR PREMIER WILLI STOPH, AND OTHER PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

THE ONLY OTHER FRONTPAGE STORY IS A LENGTHY ADN DISPATCH FROM "BERLIN (WEST)," ENTITLED "TENS OF THOUSANDS OF POLICEMEN TO PROTECT REAGAN -- ADDITIONAL WATER GUNS READY FOR USE" (NEUES DEUTSCHLAND) AND "GIANT POLICE FORCES MOBILIZED FOR REAGAN'S PROTECTION -- ADDITIONAL WATER GUNS, OPERATION CARS, AND BARRICADE ELIMINATORS READY FOR USE" (BERLINER ZEITUNG). IT SAYS: "IN BERLIN (WEST), A FOUR-HOUR VISIT OF U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN ON FRIDAY IS BEING PREPARED AS ONE OF THE LARGEST-SCALE POLICE OPERATIONS IN POST-WAR HISTORY. LED BY THE THREE OCCUPATION POWERS IN BERLIN (WEST), AN OPERATION OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF SENAT OFFICIALS, OF THE OCCUPATION POWERS' AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS OF THE POLICE IS UNDERWAY. IN VIEW OF THE EXPERIENCES DURING REAGAN'S LAST STAY IN BERLIN (WEST), TEN THOUSAND POLICEMEN -- THE LARGEST POLICE FORCES EVER -- ARE CONCENTRATED IN BERLIN (WEST). IN ADDITION TO THE THREE OCCUPATION POWERS' SECURITY FORCES AND WEST BERLIN'S POLICE UNITS, POLICE FORCES WERE TRANSPORTED

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FROM THE FRG.... FOR THE MAIN EVENT IN FRONT OF THE BRANDENBURG GATE, THE U.S. OCCUPATION POWER ISSUED SPECIAL TICKETS, NOTING PERSONAL INFORMATON AND ID CARD NUMBERS. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT ONLY PEOPLE CONSIDERED 'ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE' CAN EXPECT AN INVITATION. A FORBIDDEN ZONE IS DECLARED AROUND THE PLACE OF EVENTS.

. "JUST AS LIMITED AND POLICE-CONTROLLED IS THE CIRCLE OF PARTICIPANTS OF A SO-CALLED BIRTHDAY PARTY '750 YEARS OF BERLIN,' FOR WHICH THE AMERICAN MILITARY AIRPORT OF TEMPELHOF IS TO BE THE STAGE.... ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE SPRINGER PRESS, REAGAN IS TO CALL OUT AGAINST THE GDR BORDER SECURING INSTALLATIONS, WHICH WERE INSTALLED PRIOR TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.
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NUMEROUS WEST BERLIN CITIZENS HOLD THE OPINION THAT THUS THE WALL WILL NOT FALL, BUT RATHER WILL GET HIGHER"
(NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, BERLINER ZEITUNG).

MORE NEWS:

"DISTORTING FRG MEDIA REPORTS REJECTED," IS THE TITLE OF AN ADN REPORT ON THE WEDNESDAY STATEMENT OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AMBASSADOR WOLFGANG MEYER, THAT THE GDR GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED A PROTEST OF DR. BRAEUTIGAM, HEAD OF THE PERMANENT FRG REPRESENTATION IN THE GDR, ON THE ALLEGED IMPAIRMENT OF FRG JOURNALISTS' ACTIVITIES. HE THUS REFERRED TO THE EVENTS AT THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE BRANDENBURG GATE DURING A SERIES OF ROCK CONCERTS ON ITS WESTERN SIDE OVER WHITSUN. WESTERN MEDIA REPORTS ON THIS WERE CALLED "DISTORTING" (ALL PAPERS).

COMMENTARY - WEST PRESS

THE VENICE SUMMIT

THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL IN A FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL SAYS: "THE ECONOMIC DOCUMENTS OF THE VENICE SUMMIT ARE MORE THE EXPRESSION OF AN EXTREMELY SATISFYING BALANCE THAN AN INSTRUCTION FOR ACTION. THIS ALLOWS THOSE INVOLVED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES AS SUCCESSFUL DIPLOMATS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE. THE TRIBUTE TO THE ELECTIONS IN SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES NEED NOT BE A NEGATIVE FACTOR. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF THE GENERAL CONSENSUS ON THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WERE TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULT TIMES....

"COMPARED WITH THE 1980 ECONOMIC SUMMIT, FOR INSTANCE, THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT VIRTUALLY ALL PARTICIPATING STATES HAVE BEEN PURSUING IDENTICAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICY GOALS FOR SOME TIME OR

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INTEND TO DO SO. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THE U.S.,
CONSIDERING ITS HIGH BUDGET DEFICIT. BUT EVEN THIS WAS
NOT ABLE TO OVERSHADOW THE 'GOOD WEATHER SUMMIT' IN
RAINY VENICE."

THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN
A PAGE-TWO EDITORIAL SAYS: "DESPITE THE LIMITED ACTION
RANGE OF THE BRITISH AND ITALIANS BECAUSE OF UPCOMING
ELECTIONS, THE CHIEFS-OF-STATE OF THE SEVEN MAJOR
WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN VENICE AGREED ON A
COMMON COURSE TO ENSURE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE
RELATIVELY VAGUE, HOWEVER, AND ALLOW DIFFERING
INTERPRETATIONS. AT ANY RATE, A TRADE WAR SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN AVOIDED (FOR THE TIME BEING?)....

"IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE VENICE MEETING DID NOT
SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE THE THIRD WORLD'S DEBT CRISIS.
IT IS COLD COMFORT FOR THOSE CONCERNED THAT THE TOPIC IS
TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE FALL."

PRO-SPD VOLKSBLETT IN A PAGE-TWO EDITORIAL SAYS:
"DISGUIISING WORLD PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THE ECONOMIC
ONES, WITH THE CLOAK OF CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM WERE A
CREDIT TO THE VENETIAN MASQUERADES.... NO SINCERE WORDS
ABOUT THE WEAKNESS OF THE DOLLAR, PROTECTIONISM, AND THE

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DEBT CRISIS OF THE THIRD WORLD. INSTEAD SOOTHING
FORMULAS REPLACING THE NECESSARY ACTIVITY."

THE MARSHALL PLAN

. THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL, IN A LENGTHY
ARTICLE ON THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE AND EAST EUROPEAN
DEVELOPMENTS AFTER THE MARSHALL PLAN, ON PAGE THREE
SAYS: "THE EUROPEAN PROCESS PROMPTED BY THE MARSHALL
PLAN HAD A TWOFOOLD EFFECT. ON THE ONE HAND, THE
AMERICAN AID...ACCELERATED THE MUTUAL RAPPROCLEMENT
AMONG THE WEST EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC STATES AND, THROUGH
NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS, HELPED THAT REGION TO
ATTAIN GENERAL PROSPERITY. ON THE OTHER HAND -- BECAUSE
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STALIN VIEWED THOSE PROGRAMS AS A RISK FOR HIS POWER
AMBITIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE -- MOSCOW CONSEQUENTLY
PURSUED THE DIVISION OF THE CONTINENT WITH GREATER
HASTE."

COMMENTARY - EAST PRESS

THE WHITSUNTIDE UNREST ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE
BRANDENBURG GATE

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THE SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND SED-LINE BERLINER ZEITUNG, INSTEAD OF OWN EDITORIALS, ON THEIR SECOND PAGE CARRY A COMMENT BY THE DUESSELDORF, FRG, NEWSPAPER "UNSERE ZEIT," WHICH INVENTED A CONNECTION BETWEEN U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S FORTHCOMING WEST BERLIN VISIT AND THE UNREST IN EAST BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH A ROCK CONCERT ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE BRANDENBURG GATE. "UNSERE ZEIT" IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "REAGAN'S WEST BERLIN TRIP WAS INTRODUCED BY SPRINGER'S 'DIE WELT' WITH THE HEADLINE 'THE WALL MUST FALL'.... SO, TAKE A ROCK FESTIVAL, STAGE IT AT THE GDR FRONTIER, SET UP LOUDSPEAKERS DIRECTED TO THE EASTERN SIDE, AND ORGANIZE SOME TROUBLE-MAKERS. PRIOR TO THIS, HOWEVER, THE RIAS CREATED THE PROPER MOOD, SO THAT 'THE INSIDER TIP' BECAME KNOWN BETWEEN BRANDENBURG GATE AND FRIEDRICHSTRASSE IN THE WEEK BEFORE WHITSUN,' AS 'FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHEIN' PUT IT. ENGLISH ROCK STAR DAVID BOWIE, WAS INCITED TO HOLLER OVER THE MICROPHONE GREETINGS 'TO THE FRIENDS BEYOND THE WALL'. WE KNOW WHAT THE END WAS. SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUTHS WERE BROUGHT TO A BOILING POINT. THEN SUDDENLY ON THE GDR SIDE THE LONGED-FOR CHORUS: THE WALL MUST FALL! AND THE MASS MEDIA HAVE THEIR TOPICS AND HEADLINES: 'UNREST IN EAST UNCLASSIFIED

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BONN SUPPORTS EXPELLEE GATHERINGS

THE SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND SED-LINE BERLINER ZEITUNG ON PAGE TWO ALSO CARRIED A COMMENTARY BY TASS CORRESPONDENT VJATCHESLAV BONDAREW FROM BONN, ATTACKING THE FRG GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE "NOTORIOUS REVANCHIST GATHERING OF SILESIANS," TO TAKE PLACE IN HANOVER, FRG, ON JUNE 20 AND 21, 1987...."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DISARMAMENT

THE SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CARRIES ON PAGE FIVE A COMMENTARY ON THE DOCUMENT ON MEASURES FOR OVERCOMING THE UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD, ADOPTED BY THE RECENT BERLIN MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. SAYS THE PAPER: "BY KINDLING THE ARMS RACE, PARTICULARLY IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD, AND THE CONFRONTATION COURSE OF THE IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, IT IS NOT ONLY THE

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INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS WHICH INCREASED IN THE PAST YEARS. SIMULTANEOUSLY AND DIRECTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION OF NUMEROUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS DRAMATICALLY DETERIORATED. THE DOCUMENT NOTES THAT THEIR UNDERDEVELOPMENT IS THE RESULT OF COLONIAL AND NEO-COLONIAL PLUNDERING OF THE STATES OF AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA BY THE TRANS-NATIONAL MONOPOLIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CAPITAL....

"THE DOCUMENT ADOPTED IN BERLIN EXPRESSLY POINTS TO THE CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND

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